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PROMOTION OF AGRO FORESTRY AND HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote agro forestry and horticulture units in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): Government of India has been promoting programmes for the development of horticulture and also agro-forestry in the country including Gujarat. The horticulture developmental schemes of the Government were implemented during 8th and 9th Plan in all the States and Union Territories including Gujarat. Since October, 2000, the schemes of horticulture have been subsumed in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on macromanagement of Agriculture − supplementation/complementation of states` efforts through work plans. The programmes of the scheme are now implemented by the States through work plan. Under this scheme the States have greater flexibility to priorities their needs as per the requirement of the States.

In case of Gujarat, funds amounting to Rs.811.5 lakhs have been provided from 1997-98 to September, 2000, to the State under various horticulture schemes. Under macro management scheme funds amounting to Rs.15.11 crore and Rs.19.00 crore have been made available to the State during 2000-01 and 2001-02 respectively.